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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 28, 2006, please consider the following amendments and remarks: If any additional fees are required, the Commissioner is authorized to debit our Deposit Account No. 19-0733 accordingly.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the Listing of the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.